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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending John Palmer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club on April 17, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John Palmer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club to be celebrated at its 11th Annual Spring Benefit on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Centre Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lions Club International is dedicated to being a global leader in both community and humanitarian service, empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs; and

WHEREAS, For over 65 years, the Oyster Bay Lions Club has served the needs of its community, supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind, Lions Eye Bank for Long Island, and numerous other vital local causes; and

WHEREAS, John Palmer's commitment to service began as early as 1962, when he received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, serving as a Platoon Commander in the Second Recon Battalion, and eventually attaining the rank of Captain; he graduated from the United States Marine Corps Mountain Leadership School and the

renowned United States Army Ranger School; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge, John Palmer entered Brooklyn Law School where he earned the Schiffer-Winnick Scholarship for Academic Excellence and served on the Law Review; he received his Juris Doctor degree cum laude, and subsequently, received a Master of Laws degree from New York University's School of Law; and

WHEREAS, John Palmer landed his first position on Wall Street with the law firm of Carter, Ledyard and Milburn; later, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Nassau County, litigating aviation cases around the country with the law firm of Lee Bailey and Aaron Broder; and

WHEREAS, Currently, John Palmer maintains his law office in Mineola, New York, and was admitted to practice in the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the State and Federal Courts of New York; he still enjoys providing legal advice to anyone who seeks his expertise; and

WHEREAS, For over 45 years, John Palmer has been a valued member of the Oyster Bay Lions Club, and served as the Club's President from 1997 through 1998; during this time, he was the recipient of the prestigious Robert J. Uplinger Award; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, John Palmer and his wife settled in Oyster Bay, New York, and over the next several decades, he devoted much of his spare time to community service; and

WHEREAS, John Palmer coached the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Soccer Club's first travel team to compete in the Long Island Junior Soccer League, as well as founding the Harbor Tennis Club which served the community for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Elaine, and his two children, Jay and Amy, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the

recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Palmer upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Oyster Bay Lions Club on April 17, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Palmer.